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Office Action Summary

Application No.	Applicant(s)	
10/645,333	KOIDE ET AL.	
Examiner	Art Unit	
Daniel J. Jenkins	1742	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 June 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 4-8 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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1. The Examiner has carefully considered Applicant's Response of 6/27/05. The Examiner does not find that Applicant's Amendment overcomes the prior rejection. In particular, Kato et al. discloses that the metal constituent is melting, therefore, in the act of kneading during extrusion forms a composite material which is extruded.

The TD has been entered and overcomes the double-patenting rejection.

2. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

3. Claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kato et al. in view of Prater et al. and Tennent et al.

Kato et al. discloses the invention substantially as claimed. Kato et al. discloses a method of making a metal article comprising:

forming metal chips from a metal ingot (col. 4, lines 8-10);

feeding the metal chips to a heated kneading/injection apparatus to pressure form a metal article (col. 4, lines 1-9)

Kato et al. further discloses wherein the heating kneading/injection apparatus melts the metal chips (col. 4, lines 1-8).

Kato et al. further discloses wherein the metal chips are selected from a group comprising aluminum and aluminum alloys.

However, Kato et al. does not disclose wherein the metal includes nano-dispersion strengthened metal materials.

Prater et al. teaches to add carbon to metal matrix material in order to form carbon-reinforced metal matrix composites (col. 5, line 23) in the same field of endeavor for the purpose of forming metal articles of high strength.

Prater et al. teaches that the carbon nano material is added to the metals to form starting material for further semi-solid state forming (col. 6, lines 1-16).

Prater et al. further teaches wherein the metal is aluminum or aluminum alloy (col. 5, lines 50-67).

However, Prater et al. is silent as to the particle size of the carbon fiber.

Tennent et al. teaches that carbon fibers in the nano particle size scale are used for metal matrix reinforcement material in the same field of endeavor for the purpose of forming articles of high strength (col. 3, lines 16-26 and col. 1, lines 26-34).

It would have been obvious to modify the invention of Kato et al. by the teachings of Prater et al. and Tennent et al. in order to form a reinforced metal matrix with carbon nano fibers in order to improve the strength of the formed article.

4. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any


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extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Daniel J. Jenkins whose telephone number is 571-272-1242. The examiner can normally be reached on M-TH6:30AM-5:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Roy King can be reached on 571-272-1242. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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